



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.4  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 9% very short, 21% short, 47% adequate and 23% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Rainfall ranging from light scattered showers to heavy rains spread across the state. Persistent showers in some areas saturated soils, possibly jeopardizing rice pollination and encouraging both stinkbug pressure and the spread of some late season foliage problems. Stack burn and potash deficiencies also showed up in some rice fields too late in the season for corrective measures. Some rice farmers started draining fields in preparation for harvest. Soybeans were stressed by excess moisture in some fields. In dryer areas of the state, worms and light disease pressure were found in soybean fields. Sugarcane fields were showing excellent growth. Sugarcane farmers scouted for borers.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers harvested greenhouse and field tomatoes, watermelons, sweet corn, peas, okra and blueberries. Heavy moisture received from weekly rains in parts of the state ended production for some commercial vegetable growers. Citrus producers scouted trees for insects.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle producers were beginning to remove bulls and finish breeding practices. Pastures in some areas continued to benefit from increased moisture. Armyworm pressure increased rapidly in dryer areas. Some crawfish farmers planted rice.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Dough	87	75	89	84
Cotton	Squaring	93	91	98	95
	Setting Bolls	60	53	57	59
Hay	First cutting	99	98	99	99
	Second cutting	46	16	30	33
Peaches	Harvested	60	48	68	73
Rice	Headed	57	45	40	50
	Ripe	1	0	0	0
Sorghum	Headed	95	87	88	83
	Coloring	51	25	13	22
Soybeans	Blooming	79	65	76	79
	Setting Pods	49	38	64	60
	Turning Color	1	0	0	1
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	99	98	100	100

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	6	14	33	43	4
Cotton	1	13	26	54	6
Rice	0	2	17	54	27
Sorghum	1	6	32	58	3
Soybeans	1	12	32	50	5
Sugarcane	1	8	27	36	28
Livestock	1	6	37	49	7
Vegetables	4	17	44	32	3
Pasture	3	11	38	39	9

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/05/10 TO 07/11/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	95	74	84	83	0.87	1.82	16.48	29.48
Minden	95	73	83	82	1.08	3.42	20.56	31.96
Mooringsport	95	73	83	MM	2.39	4.26	21.38	26.52
Extreme/Average	95	73	83	82	1.45	3.84	20.97	30.08
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	97	71	83	83	1.42	1.52	15.05	32.40
Homer/Hill Farm	93	(70)	80	81	0.26	2.87	21.69	31.89
ULM-Monroe	98	73	83	83	1.08	2.76	20.21	34.26
Columbia Lock	96	72	83	MM	0.52	1.99	16.50	35.41
Extreme/Average	98	70	83	82	0.82	2.43	19.10	33.02
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	94	73	83	82	1.02	1.34	16.28	35.40
LSU-St Joseph	95	74	84	82	0.71	0.87	18.94	33.59
LSU-Winnsboro	99	72	84	82	1.23	1.62	16.53	33.64
Tallulah	94	71	82	82	2.11	3.04	20.81	34.94
Extreme/Average	99	71	83	83	1.27	1.72	18.14	34.33
4. West-Central								
Leesville	95	71	81	81	1.02	3.22	18.82	32.01
LSU-Rosepine	95	73	82	81	1.35	6.18	23.64	32.10
Natchitoches	97	73	84	83	0.20	1.44	15.31	31.54
Extreme/Average	97	71	82	82	0.86	3.61	18.82	31.71
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	73	84	83	0.77	5.54	23.67	33.45
Brusly	MM	MM	81	MM	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	34.59
Bunkie	(100)	72	83	82	2.04	3.65	28.88	35.43
LSU-Alexandria	95	73	83	82	1.64	3.96	24.71	32.01
Extreme/Average	100	72	83	83	1.48	4.38	25.75	33.79
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	95	73	82	MM	1.17	4.89	26.63	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	73	81	81	1.61	3.43	25.59	34.18
Amite	95	71	81	81	2.01	4.20	28.82	37.38
LSU-Hammond	94	72	81	81	0.93	5.58	21.84	35.07
Slidell	91	74	81	82	1.89	7.19	32.95	34.34
Extreme/Average	95	71	81	82	1.52	5.06	27.17	36.05
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	94	74	82	82	1.31	5.99	25.40	33.23
Jennings	94	75	83	82	3.24	6.20	24.59	31.73
LSU-Crowley	91	74	82	82	3.20	7.90	26.08	32.37
Extreme/Average	94	74	83	82	2.28	6.10	25.00	32.32
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	73	81	82	4.75	9.38	28.25	33.14
LSU-Jeanerette	93	73	82	81	8.68	14.91	33.50	33.16
Morgan City	92	74	82	81	3.11	4.89	16.91	32.91
Extreme/Average	93	73	82	82	5.51	9.73	26.22	33.28
9. Southeast								
Galliano	92	76	83	82	1.98	7.24	28.99	34.59
Houma	92	72	82	82	2.93	12.91	29.52	33.49
Terrytown 3S	95	75	84	MM	0.86	6.07	33.49	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	82	M.MM	9.90	24.30	36.91
Extreme/Average	95	72	83	83	1.92	8.74	30.67	34.40
State								
State Averages	100	70	83	82	1.79	5.06	23.96	33.32

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through July 11, 2010

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